

Amendment No. 1 to SJR0710

Beavers
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 710*

by deleting the first resolving clause in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED
SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house
concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article VI, Section 3, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by
deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 3. Each Judge of the Supreme Court shall be
appointed by the governor based on merit and shall be confirmed by the
Legislature. If the Legislature fails to reject an appointee within sixty
calendar days of an appointment made during the annual legislative
session, then the appointee shall be deemed to be confirmed. For an
appointment made outside the annual legislative session, the appointee
may take office pending confirmation and shall be deemed to be
confirmed if the Legislature fails to reject the appointee within sixty
calendar days of the convening date of the next annual legislative
session. Each Judge of the Supreme Court shall be thirty-five years of
age and shall have been a resident of the state for the five-year period
immediately preceding appointment. The term of service shall be eight
years. Any judge seeking additional terms shall be subject to retention
election by the qualified voters of the state. The Legislature shall have
power to prescribe such rules as may be necessary to carry out the
provisions of sections two and three of this article, except that the

Amendment No. 1 to SJR0710

Beavers
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 710*

Legislature may not create a commission of non-legislators to assist in appointment and confirmation. The Legislature shall have the authority to stagger the terms of the Judges of the Supreme Court elected in 2014.

Notwithstanding Article VI, Section 4, Judges of any intermediate appellate court shall be appointed, confirmed and elected in the same manner as judges of the Supreme Court.